

May 3rd

May 16,17,18<sup>th</sup>

## FRUIT & SPICE PARK

### AMI-DADE PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2003 CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

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# Reservations for all activities are required. Please Call 305-247-5727

Jan. 18, 19, 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>26th Annual Redland Natural Art Festival</b> A three day event celebrating the history and culture of the Redland. A large variety of plants, arts, crafts and a great food court plus entertainment for the entire family. 10 AM to 5 PM, Admission: \$4. Children under 12 are free.
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Farm Tour of the Redland Tour private farms. Meet at the Park and carpool to various locations. 10 AM to 4 PM, Guide: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25.
Feb. 1st	<u>Historic Garden Tour of the Redland</u> Visit gardens not open to the public during this once a year event. 10 AM to 1 PM, Guide: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25.
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Tropical Vegetables &amp; Edible Oddities</u> Tropical Vegetables from around the world and everything you need to know about vegetable gardening in South Florida. Many of these vegetables work well in landscaping and require less insecticide, fungicide and fertilizer. Seeds and cuttings will be distributed. 10 AM to Noon, Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25.
Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Propagation</u> Methods of reproducing tropical fruit trees. Learn how to plant seeds, root cuttings, air layer and graft. All day session, breaking for lunch. Receive a tree to graft and take home. 10 AM to 4 PM, Instructor: Chris Rollins. Fee: \$35.
Feb. 21, 22, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Strawberry Folk Festival</b> Enjoy a beautiful weekend in the Garden with folk music, story telling and strawberries presented by the <i>Friends of the Seminole Theater</i> and <i>the Main Street Folk Club</i> .
Mar. 1, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Asian Culture Festival</b> Sponsored by the <i>Thai American Association</i> & the Fruit & Spice Park. This delightful show features a large selection of Asian crafts, arts, dance and music and is highlighted by a large selection of Asian food. Children will receive an Asian Passport and can get it stamped as they visit exhibits across the Festival. 10 AM to 6 PM, Admission \$6. Children under 12 are free.
Mar. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Indian Cooking</u> Use the traditional spices and cook the food of India with a wonderful native cook. 10 AM to Noon, Instructor: Ranu Jagasia, Fee: \$25.
Mar. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Herb Workshop</u> Learn all aspects of using & growing herbs. Prior to the workshop a tour of herb gardens not usually open to the public will be conducted. Instructor: Donnie Brown, 9AM to 1 PM, Fee: \$35.
Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>Aromatherapy as Preventive Medicine</u> Learn how to use essential oils and related herbs to alleviate symptoms pertaining to sinus & cold, headaches and stress, skin problems and blood pressure. 10 AM to 1 PM, Instructor: Rose Roberts Fee: \$25.
Mar. 22, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Redland Renaissance Faire</b> Spend the weekend in the 15th century. Enjoy jousting, a living chess match, storytellers, crafts and period dress. <i>Sponsored by Friends of the Fruit &amp; Spice Park</i> . 9 AM to 5 PM. Held at the Homestead Air Reserve Park (located at the corner of Mowery (268th St.) and 127th Avenue. Website: www.redlandrenaissancefaire.com
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Aquaculture Tour</u> Visit local fish farms. See commercial koi, tropical aquarium fish and the food fish production. 10 AM to 1 PM, Instructor: Jutta Hagstedt, Fee: \$25.
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Florida Keys Fruit Safari</u> Visit the tropical gardens of the Florida Keys. See key deer and breadfruit trees, and many other things that make the lower Keys unique. <u>ALL DAY</u> , Guide: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$35.
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aromatherapy Blending Lab Learn and make your own toothpaste, salves, cleaning products using natural products and essential oils. 10 AM to 2 PM, Instructor: Rose Roberts, Fee: \$35.
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	<u>Edible Flowers with Donnie Brown</u> Enjoy flowers for their aroma and the unique flavor they add to salads, soups and desserts. 10 AM to Noon, Instructor: Donnie Brown, Fee: \$25.

**Establishing a Small Grove** Learn all aspects of establishing and maintaining a small grove. Discussion includes site selection, preparation, security, irrigation and labor. 9 AM to Noon, Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25.

**Redland International Orchid Show** Truly the largest annual orchid event in the U.S., features

volume of orchids, plants and supplies for sale, lectures by experts, raffles and international foods.

over 50 booths of educational orchid exhibits and orchid sales. An American Orchid Society judged show. A huge

May 27<sup>th</sup> Mounts Botanical Garden and Gene Joyner's Incredible Acres Meet at the Fruit & Spice Park and enjoy a **Tuesday** van trip to two of West Palm Beach's best garden spots. **ALL DAY**, Guide: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$35. June 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> **Redland Farm & Garden Show** This old time farm show features antique tractors, flywheel engines, local herbs, fruit trees and plants, garden accessories and fresh produce. Cooking demonstrations by some of South Florida's best chefs will highlight local produce. A Tropical Fruit Ice Cream booth will have such tantalizing flavors as: Canistel, Antidesma, Soursop, Lychee, Mango, Jaboticaba, Jackfruit and Tamarind. 10 AM to 5 PM. June 7<sup>th</sup> **Lychee & Longan Workshop** Learn about these most revered of Chinese fruits for their ancient cultivation to modern mania. Growing needs, problems and varieties will be covered. Taste samples are included. 10 AM to Noon, Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25. June 14<sup>th</sup> **Pruning for Hurricane Season** We hate to even think about it, but that time of year is here again. Discussion and methods for pruning will be discussed. 10 AM to Noon, Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25. Mangos, Mangos, Mangos Everything about mangos: how to grow them, their insect and disease problems, recipes June 21st and the many varieties. Sample fruits until the juice drips from your elbows. Visit the more than 100 varieties growing in the Fruit & Spice Park. 10 AM to 1 PM, Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25. June 28th Orchid Workshop Growing Orchids with one of the best. A representative of R.F. Orchids will instruct a beginner's class. A private tour of R.F. Orchid's after the class. 10 AM to Noon, Fee: \$25. Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> Banana Workshop Learn from the Top Banana, Mr. Don Chafin. Banana and plantain cultivars, culture and diseases. Visit a collection of 70 cultivars. 10 AM to Noon, Fee: \$25.  $Aug.17^{th}$ Bamboo Workshop Learn to grow and cultivate different varieties of Bamboo and their uses. Includes a tour of the Park's 70 varieties of bamboo, which is the largest public collection of tropical bamboo in the United States. 10 AM to Noon, Instructor: Daniel Holmes, Fee: \$25. Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> Vegetable Gardening, Container Gardening & Unusual Vegetables Learn all aspects of vegetable gardening in the backyard. Conventional vegetables and exotic ethnic ones, planting techniques and practices needed to produce safe, fresh, clean vegetables at home. 10 AM to 4 PM, Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$35. Sept.13<sup>th</sup> Garden Crafts with Linda Use dried plants and vegetables from your own yard for decorations. 10 AM to 1PM, Instructor: Linda Smith, Fee: \$25. Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> **Propagation** Methods of reproducing fruit trees. Learn how to plant seeds, make cuttings, air layer and graft. All day session, breaking for lunch. Receive a tree to graft and take home: 10 AM to 4 PM. Instructor: Chris Rollins, Fee:\$35. Sept. 27th Man-Eating Bugs Join Debbie Fritz- Quincy as she discusses and serves bugs used for food in other countries. Try some new nutritional specialties. 11AM to 2 PM. Fee: \$25. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Garden Tour of the Redland Tour estates and gardens. See lush landscaping and the latest gardening methods. 10 AM to 1 PM, Guide: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$25. Nov.15th Key West Garden Tour Visit venerable historic trees in old Key West and explore hidden gardens. ALL DAY,

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Guide: Chris Rollins, Fee: \$35.

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS AT THE FRUIT & SPICE PARK

#### TROPICAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SOCIETY OF THE REDLAND

Monthly speaker, tasting table, plant exchange and horticultural library.

Tropical fruits and vegetables.

Meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM

#### **SOUTH DADE GARDEN CLUB**

Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM, In existence for 70 years, 54 at the Park. All types of gardening, come and make friends.

#### REDLAND EVENING HERB SOCIETY

Monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Enjoy learning about herbs and their uses.

